

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has been clearly stated that there was no agreement.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Was there any discussion between the management and the labour association before the lock-out was lifted?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There was discussion. The President of the Labour Association gave an assurance that he would follow particular things to see that the management agreed.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—My question is whether before the lock-out was lifted there was any discussion between the management and the labour association.

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There was no regular discussion as such. There must be some persons who have had talks at random.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Have the Government seen any circular instructions issued to the workers before the lock-out was lifted?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Notice will have to be given and it has been given.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—Am I to take it that the lock-out was resorted to because of the go-slow methods on the part of the workers?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is clear from the reply.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—There are no reasons.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That reply is implied.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—What is the reason for the lock-out?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Go-slow tactics is also one of the reasons.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—The reason given is that go-slow tactics were used by the labourers; is it not possible to come to an agreement with the labourers to the effect that they will not employ such tactics in future?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Both the Management and the workers should sit together and come to an agreement.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether it was due to certain grievances of workers which were not attended to?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—No.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—What was the reason for the go-slow tactics of the labourers?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Misinterpretation of certain award.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know the outcome of the irregular discussion in this behalf?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There cannot be an outcome out of an irregular discussion.

Constitution of a Corporation to run the Kolar Gold Mine Undertakings.

*Q.—280. Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that they have proposed to constitute a corporation for running the Kolar Gold Mine Undertakings;

(b) if so, the personnel of the corporation?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The question is not clear. The Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings will be converted into a corporation under the provisions of the Indian Companies' Act.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—When is this Corporation going to be constituted?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has been only proposed by the Government. The details are to be worked out.

Sri M. C. NARASIMHAN.—May I know whether there would not be a change in the personnel to run the new Corporation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That also will have to be considered. There will be a change.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಬಿ. ಸೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದರ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಾದರೂ ಏನು, ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಲಾಭವೇನಾದರೂ ಇದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಕೇವಲ ಲಾಭದ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಗೆ expand ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಇಂಡಿಯಾ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಿಂದ ಸಾಲದ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸಹಾಯ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಣಬರಬೇಕು; ಮತ್ತು ನಾವೇ ನಡೆಸುವುದಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಒಂದು ವ್ಯಾಪಾರ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಂತೆ ನಡೆಸಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನುವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ಬಿ. ಸೀತಾರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕೂಟೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆಯೇ? ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಹಕ್ಕೂಟೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Will there be a non-official or an official Chairman for this Corporation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—I have already said that the details are not worked out. It is not necessary that an official only should be the Chairman. The Chairman may be an official or otherwise.

Sri J. VENKATAPPA.—Will the formation of the Corporation be beneficial to the State?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is the opinion of the Government.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Will the Government not be required to bear a heavy loss on the formation of a Corporation for running this undertaking?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—There is no question of bearing any loss after the formation of the Corporation. On the contrary, it is expected that if the Corporation is formed, it will work well.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Will the Corporation not have to pay income tax?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It is not the intention of this Government to avoid paying income tax.

Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.—Will that not affect the State Exchequer?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We will get our own share from the income tax.

Fixation of Wages for Agricultural Labourers in Rural Areas.

*Q.—288. Sri J. NARAYANAPPA (Mulbagal) —

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the wages fixed by them for agricultural labourers in rural areas in respect of different items of work in each district;

(b) on what basis and once in how many years such daily or monthly wages are being fixed by them?

A.—Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Minimum wages fixed for the different categories of agricultural labourers in respect of Old Mysore area and in the Coorg and Raichur are shown in the Appendix.

The minimum rates of wages are fixed on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee appointed under Section 5 (1) (a) of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948. Revision of rates is made once in five years after the initial fixation of minimum rates of wages. Under proviso to clause (b) of subsection (1) of Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, as amended by the Minimum Wages (Amendment) Act, 1957, the State Government has been empowered to revise the rates even after the expiry of the period of five years.

(b) The minimum wages in respect of employments in agriculture were fixed in December 1953 after appointing a committee to go into this question. In view of the recommendations of the committee where concentration of agricultural labour had been very heavy the minimum wages were fixed. Recently Government have appointed a committee to advise Government regarding revision of these wages in areas where they are in force and for initial fixation of minimum wages in areas where they are not fixed at present.